

MINUTES,
Crested Butte Town Council
Regular Council Meeting
August 2, 2011
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall

Mayor Leah Williams called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Council members present: Jim Schmidt, John Wirsing and Daniel Escalante. Council members absent: Reed Betz, Phoebe Wilson and Roland Mason. Staff Present: Building and Zoning Director Bob Gillie (Acting Town Manager), Town Attorney John Belkin, Town Clerk Eileen Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director Jake Jones (for part of meeting) and Town Planner John Hess (for part of meeting).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Schmidt moved and Wirsing seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Approval of Minutes of July 18, 2011 Regular Council meeting.
- B) Big Mine Ice Arena Cost Addition To Previous Award Price, Steel Award.
- C) Resolution No. 7, Series 2011 – A Resolution Authorizing The Town Of Crested Butte Local Liquor Licensing Authority To Issue Special Event Liquor Permits To Qualified Entities Without Prior Notification To Or Approval From The State Licensing Authority.

Escalante moved and Schmidt seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Waste Management (WM) representative Aaron Diaz briefly reviewed Waste Management's "Environmental" reports for May and June of 2011, which were e-mailed to Council. Diaz noted the tonnage of recycling materials and solid waste collected in Crested Butte during those months. Diaz said WM is interested in working with the Town on new recycling options and noted that he spoke with the Town Manager about services WM is interested in providing the Town. Council noted there is an educational component associated with recycling and asked Diaz how many recycling bins are not picked up due to contamination. Diaz said he would follow up on the question.

Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum Director Glo Cunningham invited staff and Council to the Museum's new garden dedication on August 16, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Cunningham said the Town contributed \$1,000 to the Museum for interpretative signage.

Crested Butte Film Festival organizers Michael Brody and Jennifer Sfalcin introduced themselves to Council and provided an overview of the international film festival they are hosting in Crested Butte September 20 through October 2, 2011. Sfalcin said the festival will feature narrative films, feature films, documentaries, shorts and a children's program. The films will be shown at the Majestic Theatre, the Center for the Arts and the Crested Butte Mountain Theatre.

Sfalcin said the festival will also present an "Act Now" program featuring documentary films on social and environmental issues.

STAFF REPORTS

Jake Jones:

- The parks crew has been picking up twice as much trash and recycling this summer as last year and four times as much as four years ago. Hopefully the collection indicates a strengthening of the tourist economy.
- The Colorado Youth Core broke ground on the Baxter Gulch trail. He is anticipating completion of the trail in 2013. The Youth Core is camping at Avalanche Park until August 12, 2011. Council directed staff to arrange a Council appreciation meeting with the Youth Core.
- Parking signs have been installed on the Slate River Road for the Lupine Trail and directional signs have been installed at Saddle Ridge Estates. The Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association is installing a rollover on the trail next week.

Bob Gillie:

- Gave an update on progress of the Big Mine Ice Arena project. He expects award of the electrical bid for the project to be on the August 15, 2011 Council agenda.
- There was problem with the sewer line that services Town Hall. The line has been replaced.
- The Building Department is waiting to hear from the state about a grant for replacing the Depot roof and specifications for renovation of the building.
- Staff will be sending Council a questionnaire about off-site signage.
- Concrete sidewalks are being constructed on the 8th Street Sidewalk project.

Eileen Hughes:

- Asked Council for feedback on the draft fireworks survey. Council agreed to discuss the survey later in the meeting under "Other Business."
- Reminded Council of the "Prospective Council Candidates" informational meeting on August 9, 2011.
- Today (Aug. 2, 2011) is the first day that candidate nomination petitions for the November 1, 2011 election may be picked up. Petitions must be returned to the Clerk's Office by August 22, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARING

A) Special Event Permit – USA Pro Cycling Challenge – QPC LOC, Inc. – August 23, 2011 – Multiple Streets of Crested Butte – 6 a.m. to 12 Midnight.

Mayor Williams confirmed with Town Clerk Eileen Hughes that proper public notice of the public hearing was given. Hughes noted that proof of insurance for the event has been provided.

USA Pro Cycling Challenge Local Organizing Committee (LOC) representative Aaron Huckstep reviewed details of the event and responded to questions from Council regarding road closures and timing of the event. Huckstep said the LOC is trying to get race organizers to provide a jumbotron for viewing live coverage of the event. Huckstep said the LOC is discouraging people from driving between Town and Mt. Crested Butte. He said the Marshal's biggest concern is

keeping cars, dogs, and people off the streets to give cyclists enough room. Huckstep noted that the winner of the Tour de France will be participating in the race, as well as several other top ten finishers.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

Schmidt moved and Wirsing seconded to approve a special event permit for the USA Pro Challenge QPC LOC event to be held on August 23, 2011 from 6 a.m. to midnight on multiple streets of Crested Butte. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

B) Special Event Liquor License - USA Pro Challenge – QPC LOC, Inc. – August 23, 2011 – Post Office Parking Lot – 6 a.m. to 12 Midnight.

Mayor Williams confirmed with the Town Clerk that proper public notice of the public hearing was given. Huckstep discussed the location of the special event liquor license area and noted that ingress and egress will be through the Brick Oven patio entrance or on the north side of the Post Office parking lot. Huckstep noted that alcohol will not be allowed to be removed from either venue and beer will be served in glasses at the Brick Oven and in plastic cups at the special event location.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

Schmidt moved and Wirsing seconded to approve a special event liquor license for the USA Pro Challenge QPC LOC event to be held on August 23, 2011 from 6 a.m. to midnight in the Post Office parking lot. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

A) Consideration of Draft Letter Concerning Redistricting of Gunnison County.

Mayor Williams noted letters in the Council packets from the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the City of Gunnison opposing the proposed plan to split Gunnison County into two State House Districts. Jim Starr, Co-Chair of the Gunnison County Democrats, said Mt. Crested Butte also unanimously approved a letter opposing the plan. Maureen Hall, Co-Chair of the Gunnison County Democrats, said if the county is divided into two districts the constituents of the Gunnison County Commissioner who represents the north end of the valley will be in a different state house district than the constituents of the two other members of the BOCC.

Council unanimously agreed to direct staff to write a letter to the reapportionment committee objecting to the proposed redistricting plan. Council said the letter should address issues such as unity in the county and reference entities that unify the county such as the Rural Transportation Authority and the Tourism Association. Council indicated that the letter should be signed by each member of the Council. Jim Starr said it would be best if the letter is hand delivered to the reapportionment committee, which is holding a meeting in Gunnison on August 5, 2011. Council member Jim Schmidt agreed to attend the meeting and deliver the letter.

B) Discussion Regarding Amending the Sign Code Concerning Changeable Copy Signs To Allow The Use of Grease Boards.

Building and Zoning Director Bob Gillie pointed out photos in the Council packet showing four non-compliant changeable copy signs as well as non-compliant grease board signs. Gillie said he would like Council's opinion on the signs and if Council wants to amend the sign code to allow more latitude for changeable copy signs.

Several Council members said they did not like the white grease board signs. One council member said the sign ordinance should not be revised regarding changeable copy signs and businesses should follow the current regulations.

Council directed staff to draft an ordinance to amend the sign code to allow green or black grease boards, but not white grease boards. In the meantime, Gillie said staff will inform business owners that white grease boards are in violation of Town regulations and are not allowed.

C) Resolution No. 8, Series 2011 – A Resolution Expressing the Intentions of the Town Council to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Gunnison County Library District for the Expansion of the Old Rock Community Library where the Construction of Such Expansion is Approved by the Voters.

Deborah Reich was present representing the Gunnison County Library District. Town Attorney John Belkin said he will prepare an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the library expansion project and once the project is approved by voters the new facility will be included in the Old Rock Library's lease. Belkin said he will modify language in Resolution No. 8, Series 2011 to reflect that a new library building will be constructed on Town property.

In response to a question from Council, Reich noted the bond issue on November's ballot includes a library facility in Gunnison as well as Crested Butte. Reich explained there will be two questions on the ballot: one is the bond issue and the other pertains to a mill levy for operations of the buildings.

Escalante moved and Schmidt seconded to approve Resolution No. 8, Series 2011 with amendments as stated by the Town Attorney. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes."
Motion passed unanimously.

LEGAL MATTERS

John Belkin:

- The Town is ready to close on properties pertaining to a land swap of affordable housing lots in the Paradise Park subdivision between the Crested Butte Fire Protection District and the Town.
- He worked with the Town Manager in developing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for residential trash and curbside recycling.
- He submitted the draft lease for the Nordic Center maintenance facility to Nordic Center representatives.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

John Wirsing:

- Chamber of Commerce Director Richard Bond has taken a leave of absence. The Chamber Board is meeting weekly with Chamber staff.
- He had a discussion with a Town resident about the possibility of allowing alcohol from bars on Elk Avenue to be consumed on the street during special events. He spoke with staff and learned that state liquor laws prohibit alcohol from being removed from a liquor licensed premise.

Jim Schmidt:

- The request to re-route the Lupine Trail was denied. The re-route would have allowed trail users to avoid the road that passes a house.
- Relayed to staff a complaint he received about a structural safety issue on a deck at a short term rental unit. Gillie said if a life/safety issue is communicated to staff they will follow up.

Leah Williams:

- Noted email Council received from the Colorado Municipal League (CML) stating that the National League of Cities reviewed the bill regarding the national debt ceiling. The bill may affect revolving loans for municipal waste water facilities.

Dan Escalante:

- Attended a Gunnison County Housing Authority meeting. There was discussion about the possible purchase of 30 existing units in Town for affordable housing, including some units in the Coal Creek Condominiums. Bob Gillie noted that it suits the community if affordable housing units are dispersed throughout the town and the topic is being discussed at the staff level.
- He spoke with Town Planner John Hess about the idea of a community farm. The conservation easements the Town holds close to town would not work as sites for a community farm. During his discussion with Hess they came across documents noting that a trail can be constructed along the Slate River and he would like Council to keep that in mind.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

A) Discussion of Draft Fireworks Survey.

A council member said he did not think the survey was necessary and Council should figure out what it wants to do regarding fireworks and move forward from there. Another Council member said the survey will help the Council make a decision regarding fireworks. Council requested that the following additional question be added to the survey:

Given the following options what is your preference?

- Fireworks in Mt. Crested Butte on 4th of July.
- Fireworks in Crested Butte on 4th of July
- Alternate each year between Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte
- Fireworks in both towns on 4th of July.

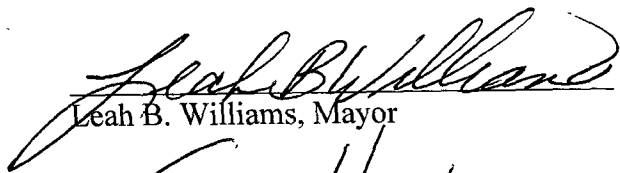
DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION MEETING ITEMS

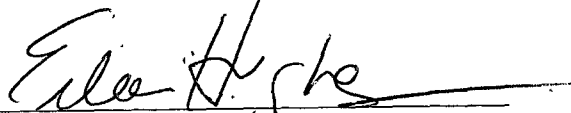
A) Schedule Executive Session(s) For Performance Review of the Town Manager and Town Attorney.

Since three council members were absent. Council rescheduled this item to the August 15, 2011 agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.


Leah B. Williams, Mayor


Eileen Hughes, Town Clerk

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